

REMARKS:Claims 1-19

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Timmons (US Patent No. 6,735,586).

Claim 1 has been amended to require that the first habitat request information directly from the second habitat to retrieve information therefrom. Part of this limitation is taken from original claim 4, particularly that the first habitat directly access the second habitat to retrieve information therefrom. The Examiner has pointed to claim 9 of Timmons to meet this limitation. However, the section relied upon, while teaching that a second server is in communication with a first server, only appears to pertain to receipt of the second command. Further, referring to column 9, lines 40-55 of Timmons, any information in a portal is actually retrieved from a collection server. Nowhere does Timmons indicate that a first habitat retrieve information directly from a second habitat.

The second part of the added limitation requires that the first habitat request information from the second habitat. This limitation is taken from p. 28, lines 18-21 of the present application. Nowhere does Timmons indicate that a first habitat actually request information directly from a second habitat. Rather, as described in col. 9, lines 23-55, user-selected information is aggregated at a content collection server. Thus, any requests for information would be retrieved from the content collection server, not directly from one habitat to the other.

The following example, excerpted from p. 28, lines 5-12 of the present application, illustrates how the first habitat could request and receive information from a second habitat:

Continuing with the investment example, perhaps the user only wishes to review information about stocks listed on the Nasdaq Combined Composite Index and not those traded on the Dow Jones Industrials Exchange. The first habitat would then perform an analysis on the information in the second habitat either prior to or after retrieval to select only the information pertinent to the Nasdaq for display. Such analysis

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can include a key word search, such as a search for "Nasdaq" or the symbol of a particular stock known to be listed on the Nasdaq.

Reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 has been amended to require that a user viewing a first portal can jump directly to a second habitat. This limitation is taken from p. 28, lines 26-27. Nowhere does Timmons teach this limitation.

Regarding claim 5, Applicants respectfully disagree that Timmons anticipates the claimed limitations. Particularly, nowhere does Timmons indicate that the first habitat send a request directly to several other habitats, then retrieve the information from one or more habitats that respond to the request. Accordingly, claim 5 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, particularly as amended, and therefore incorporate the limitations of claim 1. By virtue of their dependence, claims 2-9 are also believed to be allowable over Timmons.

Claim 10 has been amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Claim 10 is believed to be allowable over Timmons for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10, particularly as amended, and therefore incorporate the limitations of claim 10. By virtue of their dependence, claims 11-18 are also believed to be allowable over Timmons.

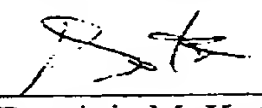
Claim 19 has been amended in a manner similar to claims 1, 4 and further includes the limitations of claim 5. Claim 19 is believed to be allowable over Timmons for the same reasons as claim 1, 4 and 5.

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In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. CLICP011).

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